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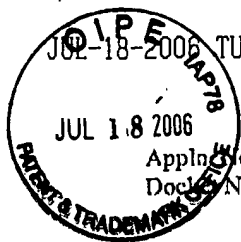
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Sir:

Provided herewith are comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented in the Notice of Allowance dated April 25, 2006.

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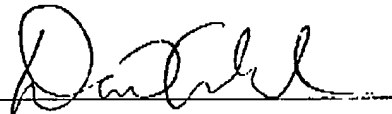
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The Examiner remarks that Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-14 are allowed for reasons set forth in Paper No. 0406, page 2.

While Applicant agrees that presented claims pertain to allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that to the extent that the Examiner's remarks imply, suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art of record relied upon are or may be present in each and every allowable claim, whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every allowable claim, the record as a whole must be considered in addition to the Examiner's remarks, and, to the extent that the record as a whole is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all allowable claims.

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